

# **JOB OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 12-016**

**OPEN TO:** All interested candidates

**POSITION:** Consular Assistant, FSN-7; FP-7\*

**OPENING DATE:** August 10, 2012

**CLOSING DATE:** August 24, 2012

**WORK HOURS:** Full-time; 40 hours/week

**SALARY:** \*AEFM/EFM/MOH/NOR: (Position Grade: FP-7 to be confirmed by Washington)  
\*Ordinarily Resident: Position Grade - FSN-7

**LENGTH OF HIRE:** Temporary - up to 1 (one) year.

**NOTE: ALL NON-MOLDOVAN RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS ALLOWING EMPLOYMENT IN MOLDOVA TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.**

**The U.S. Embassy in Chisinau, Moldova** is seeking an individual for temporary employment as Consular Assistant.

## **BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION**

The incumbent will manage all aspects of Immigrant Visa (IV) and Non Immigrant Visa (NIV) processing, prepare applications for officers to conduct interviews, administer the online IV appointment system, communicate with the public on visa related issues, and perform a variety of other tasks and back-up other consular staff as needed.

Perform full range of consular duties in rotation with other staff, to include: customer service to nonimmigrant and immigrant visa applicants, US citizens and foreign clients; answer correspondence and phone inquiries; maintain files in accordance with Department's Records policies. S/he drafts routine correspondence and helps maintain all public consular information on the Embassy website, telephone recordings, bulletin boards and informational notices. He/she serves as back-up cashier and must be familiar with all those duties.

The incumbent will perform other duties as required by circumstances, or as directed by the Consular Officer. Will perform incidental clerical work such as receiving and distributing mail; assembling and mailing documents and materials to appropriate offices; maintaining bulletin boards and office notices; order supplies; perform additional office work (e.g., Xeroxing, collating, labeling, etc.).

## **QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED**

**NOTE: All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.**

1. College education is required.
2. Minimum two years of experience in administrative, customer service, office management or directly related area is required.
3. Level 4 (fluent) English, Romanian and Russian is required. This will be tested. (Please indicate in the Application form/resume the level of knowledge of all three languages).
4. The jobholder is expected to have a basic understanding of host country and U.S. immigration policies.

5. Must have good knowledge of Microsoft Office Applications. Must be able to work under pressure, sometimes within short deadlines. Incumbent is expected to deal with public courteously under stressful circumstances. Must possess strong interpersonal communication skills including the ability to handle upset clients with professionalism.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

When fully qualified, US Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and US Veterans are given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate specifically address the required qualifications above in the application.

## **ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and visa status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current employees of the extended Mission serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Currently employed US Citizen EFMs who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) appointment are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
4. Currently employed Not-Ordinarily Residents (NOR) hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment, unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.

## **TO APPLY: Interested applicants for this position must submit the following for consideration of the application:**

1. Universal Application for Employment (UAE) as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Member ([DS-174](#)); or
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information found on the UAE (see [Appendix B](#) below); or
3. A combination of both; i.e. Sections 1-24 of the UAE along with a listing of the applicant's work experience attached as a separate sheet; plus
4. Candidates who claim US Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application. Candidates who claim conditional US Veterans preference must submit documentation confirming eligibility for a conditional preference in hiring with their application.
5. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

## **SUBMIT APPLICATION TO**

American Embassy

Human Resources Office

Str. Alexei Mateevici 103

Chisinau, Moldova, MD-2009

Telephone: 40-84-52 or 40-84-64

FAX: 23-30-44

Email: [ChisinauHR@state.gov](mailto:ChisinauHR@state.gov) – For application submission only. Please indicate the position title in the subject line.

**CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: August 24, 2012**

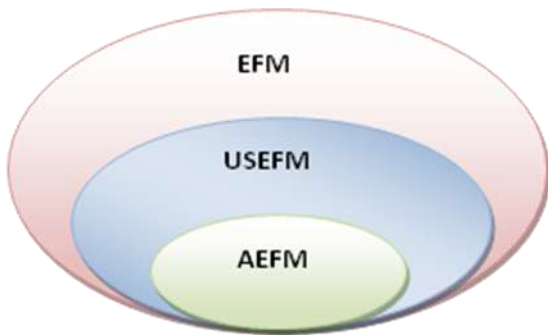
An Equal Opportunity Employer

The US Mission in Chisinau, Moldova provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

## Appendix A

### DEFINITIONS



This diagram demonstrates how an Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM) is also a US-citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM) as well as an Eligible Family Member (EFM).

1. **Eligible Family Member (EFM):** An individual related to a US Government employee in one of the following ways:

- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#));
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.

2. **US Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM):** For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:

- US Citizen; and,
- EFM (see above) at least 18 years old; and,
- Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and either:
  1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
  2. Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

3. **Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM):** EFM (see above) eligible for a Family Member Appointment for purposes of Mission employment:

- Is a U.S. citizen; and
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#)) or a child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and

- Is listed on the travel orders or approved Form [OF-126](#), Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report, of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad at a U.S. mission, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), and who is under chief of mission authority; and
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, office of the American Institute in Taiwan.
- Does not receive a Foreign Service or Civil Service annuity

4. **Member of Household (MOH)**: An individual who accompanies a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan. An MOH is:

- Not an EFM; and,
- Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and,
- Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.

A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of family member. A MOH does not have to be a US Citizen.

4. **Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR)** – An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
- Does not ordinarily reside (*OR*, see below) in the host country; and,
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
- Has a US Social Security Number (SSN).

NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

5. **Ordinarily Resident (OR)** – A Foreign National or US citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and,
- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EFMs without US Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including US citizens, are compensated in accordance with the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).

## Appendix B

If an applicant is submitting a resume or curriculum vitae, s/he must provide the following information equal to what is found on the UAE.

**Failure to do so will result in an incomplete application.**

- A. Position Title
- B. Position Grade
- C. Vacancy Announcement Number (if known)
- D. Dates Available for Work
- E. First, Middle, & Last Names as well as any other names used
- F. Current Address, Day, Evening, and Cell phone numbers
- G. U.S. Citizenship Status (Yes or No) & status of permanent U.S. Resident (Yes or No; if yes, provide number)
- H. U.S. Social Security Number and/or Identification Number
- I. Eligibility to work in the country (Yes or No)
- J. Special Accommodations the Mission needs to provide
- K. If applying for position that includes driving a U.S. Government vehicle, Driver's License Class / Type
- L. Days available to work
- M. List any relatives or members of your household that work for the U.S. Government (include their Name, Relationship, & Agency, Position, Location)
- N. U.S. Eligible Family Member and Veterans Hiring Preference
- O. Education
- P. License, Skills, Training, Membership, & Recognition
- Q. Language Skills
- R. Work Experience
- S. References